

## RICH WILL GIVE UP HOMES TO WOMEN WAR VICTIMS HERE

White Cross Society Starts Campaign to Provide Palatial Shelter for the Destitute.

MANSIONS ARE OPENED.

Homes Now Unoccupied Will Shelter Scores Hit by War Retrenchments.

Five palatial homes on upper Fifth avenue, hitherto unoccupied by their millionaire owners, have been turned over to the White Cross Society for the purpose of a campaign to provide shelter for the destitute in this country. The plan was outlined by the White Cross Society's chairman, Franklin Lawrence, in a statement today.

The first of these homes, which, until two years ago, was the abode of Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones, at No. 18 West Fifty-first Street, is already occupied by eight girls, who have the free run of the house, which a few years ago was the scene of brilliant social events. By the end of the week, Chairman Lawrence declared today, adequate supplies will be on hand to fill up the twenty-seven rooms of the house with destitute but deserving women.

Mr. Lawrence, who is backed by a string of wealthy Wall Street men, with powerful influences in the social and business world, then expects to obtain the use of the Cornelius Vanderbilt mansion, at Fifth Avenue and Fifty-first Street. He has already opened negotiations with Mr. Vanderbilt in Havana, Cuba, and expects an answer in a few days. The Vanderbilt home has been unoccupied for several months.

"We have learned the Vanderbilt home will be vacant for some time," said Mr. Lawrence. "We are confident we can have the use of the mansion until summer."

According to the Chairman, Treasurer Charles D. Stickney, well known in Wall Street, is negotiating to open up the deserted B. Altman mansion at the northwest corner of Fifth Avenue and Fifty-fifth Street. Since the death of the merchant, the house has been stripped of its art collections and furniture. Efforts are also being made, Mr. Lawrence said today, to open the mansion of the late Charles T. Yerkes, which has been unoccupied since the death of his widow. Robert E. Dowling, Chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Commission, now owns this property, which is at Fifth Avenue and Sixty-eighth Street.

"The White Cross started out to assist the war refugees in Europe," explained Mr. Lawrence, "but when we found we could not place our funds for distribution with the State Department or some equally responsible institution, we decided to turn our attention to the relief of the thousands right here in New York City who have lost everything as a result of war retrenchments in business. We are not after money—what we want is furniture, beds, blankets, linen, food, and clothing. True, we have the use of this beautiful mansion practically free—we are paying a dollar rent for the year—but we have only accommodations for eight destitute women. But we expect to house at least fifty before the end of the week."

"You understand," the Chairman added, "we are not attempting to care for the great army of poor and unemployed—we are accepting only women of education and refinement, who would be unable to bear the environment of the average relief home. Of the eight girls here now two are secretaries, three are actresses of the better class, and one is the wife of a Wall Street broker who blew out his brains shortly after the closing of the Exchange. He did so that his wife might obtain a \$100,000 life insurance policy, but failed to notice a suicide clause which deprived his widow of the insurance."

"Another woman with us is an actress with a lachrymose production which, until its failure in the first week, was to have brought her \$150 a week. She never drew a penny owing to the failure of the company, and the hotel people, who had advanced her credit during the eleven weeks' rehearsal, stripped her of her jewelry and everything of value she had and sent her to the street."

The Varick House, a boarding house for girls at No. 11 Dominick Street, with home surroundings, will open its doors Feb. 1. The price of rooms with board will be \$4 to \$15 a week.

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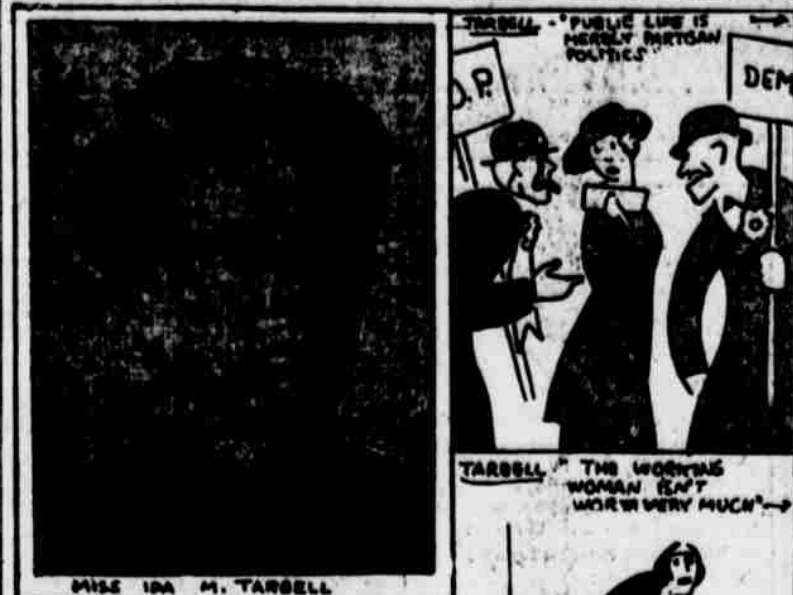
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## Mrs. Norman de R. Whitehouse Says in Reply to Ida Tarbell: If Politics Is Too Dirty for Women, Let Women In and They'll Clean House



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## HUSKY DOORMEN GUARD HIPPODROME TO KEEP OUT 'BIG 3'

Shuberts Bar Voegtlin, Wilson and Klein From Show House After Their Discharge.

NO SUCCESSORS NAMED.

"Simply Dismissed Three Employees—Do It Every Day," Lee's Only Comment.

Three big, husky doormen were placed on duty by the Shuberts at the portals of the Hippodrome today, with orders to keep out of the building the "Big Three"—Arthur Voegtlin, scenic and artistic director; William J. Wilson, producer of the spectacles, and Emanuel Klein, composer and musical director, who were summarily fired from the Hippodrome staff Saturday night.

The closing chapter in the discharge of the three has to do with four drums and four bugles and they played a dead march for the "Big Three" with a vengeance. The last scene of all had for principals Arthur Voegtlin and Jacob J. Shubert, and it showed Shubert leading Voegtlin out of the Hippodrome by the coat and telling him to stay out.

Although the Shuberts may say little or nothing, it is well understood there has been a great deal of friction lately over "Wars of the World," the big Hippodrome spectacle, and all that was needed was a match to touch off the thing of Saturday. But here's the story of the drums and the bugles:

Jacob Shubert, who is general director of the Winter Garden, wanted four drums and four bugles for use in the new Winter Garden show "Made in America," and he knew he could get what he wanted at the Hippodrome. He sent to Wilson with a request for the things, but Wilson demurred, saying the instruments were going to be used in the Hippodrome show. This didn't daunt Shubert and on Friday he asked again to borrow the drums and bugles. This time the request was not with a distinct rebuff.

The new show at the Hippodrome opened Saturday afternoon and both the Shuberts, Jake and Lee, were there. Jake looked in vain for the drums and the bugles. They had not been used in the production. That night Wilson was taken to task for his curt refusal to lend the instruments and was promptly fired. Voegtlin backed him up and his turn came next. Then Klein was permitted an opportunity to remain with the management but he decided to go and the Shuberts released him on the spot.

When Jacob Shubert was asked today why the "Big Three" had been fired, he replied, "For the good of the service."

Lee Shubert said: "We have simply discharged three employees. We are doing that always from time to time. We have not appointed any one to their places, but there are hundreds of people waiting to get the job."

William G. Stewart, stage manager, is now temporarily holding down William J. Wilson's place. It is predicted there may be several lawsuits over the matter. It is said Voegtlin received a salary of \$15,000 a year, Wilson about \$12,000 and Klein \$10,000.

While Capt. O'Connor of the Bath Beach station was at the house making an investigation, a man who said he was Gen. Janek of No. 23 Avenue A, Manhattan, called to ask how the baby was.

He said the girl Laura had come to the Manhattan address badly frightened, and asked that some one accompany her back to the house. She had pointed out the place and was waiting outside for him.

Capt. O'Connor went out to get her, but she had disappeared. Early today she was found at the Avenue A house and taken to Brooklyn Headquarters. She is a Hungarian girl, in this country less than a year. Last summer she was employed by the Reichman's, but left them for another position. A week ago she returned and was given her old place because she seemed so fond of the baby.

She said that although the infant was not weaned, it often was fed eggs and such things from a spoon. Yesterday it was given some potato before the parents left. The girl said she was busy ironing and each time she went to the crib the child was quiet and thinking it asleep did not pull aside the cover that hid its face. In the early evening she thought she had better look at it, and was surprised to find it lying face downward. She turned it over and saw red spots on its face, and became frightened. She did not know it was dead, but was in such terror she went as rapidly as she could to the only address she knew in Manhattan.

She had lived there when she first came to America. She did not know any of the tenants, but they spoke her language and she appeared to Jack, who went back with her. But after he had gone in she again became frightened and returned to Avenue A. Her father is employed in New York, but she does not know his address.

If the autopsy shows the child died from natural causes she will be released.

## CUT \$7,000,000 MELON OF NEWARK TRUST CO.

Employees Also Get 10 Per Cent. of Salaries From the Fidelity.

A \$7,000,000 melon was cut to-day for the stockholders of the Fidelity Trust Company of Newark. It is in the form of a special dividend of 250 per cent. to the stockholders and a bonus of 10 per cent. upon their yearly salaries to the employees from the office boy up.

The extra dividend was announced to-day by President Ural H. McCarter following a meeting of the directors. Of the dividend 500 per cent. will be in cash and the remainder in stock of the Public Service Corporation now held by the Fidelity. The big extra dividend is due to the sale of the stock of the Prudential Insurance Company which had been sold by the Fidelity and which was sold for the purpose of mutualizing the company.

The capital is now \$2,000,000, the surplus \$3,000,000, and the undivided profits \$1,000,000, making the total \$6,000,000. It is also proposed to issue shortly another \$1,000,000 of capital stock, increasing the capitalization from two to three million dollars. This is to be distributed to the shareholders at par. The stock to-day is worth 100 per cent. of the dollar share. That will amount to another \$5 per cent. dividend.

## "WOMAN IS THE BOSS IN HOME," COURT RULES

Man Ought to Keep Quiet and Let Wife Run Things, Magistrate Gelsmar Tells Angry Husband.

"In the home the woman is the boss. Outside, the husband, father or brother, as the case happens to be, may swell around and run things, but when his foot crosses the threshold of his home he ceases to be the ruler." Thus declared Magistrate Gelsmar in the Flatbush Avenue Police Court to-day, after hearing the troubles of Mrs. Imena Harwood, who owns a boarding house at No. 408 East Nineteenth Street, Brooklyn, and her husband, Melbourne.

"I have been supporting my husband, our four children and myself ever since he lost his job last March," said Mrs. Harwood. "He has repaid me by abusing me."

"The trouble is, your Honor," retorted Harwood, "that the women start to run the house. My wife has two sisters there. Every time I start to talk I find I have to shut up. You ought to remain quiet," ruled the Magistrate. "Every woman is the boss in her own home."

He continued the case and detailed Mrs. Ellen D. Kelly, a probation officer, to try to effect a reconciliation between the Harwoods.

## 24 FAMILIES FLEE APARTMENT HOUSE FIRE

Superintendent Loses Mustache Trying to Extinguish Blaze on West Side.

Mrs. Juliette Marco, wife of a coal dealer living in an apartment on the fourth floor of the six-story apartment house at No. 415 West One Hundred and Fifteenth Street, discovered a fire in a closet at 9 o'clock to-day. She ran to the hall, looking for the door behind her and screamed an alarm.

The blaze made lots of smoke and the twenty-four families in the house rushed to the street. Haron Clark, elevator man, made six trips through the smoke-filled shaft and took down all who had not fled down the stairs.

Adolph Schwickard, superintendent of the building and Policeman Charles Zeller entered the Marco apartment by a window. In trying to extinguish the blaze Schwickard lost his mustache and some of his hair and had his face and hands blistered.

The firemen confined the blaze to the Marco apartment. Water damage was done to David Frank's apartment below.

## MYSTERY IN KILLING OF WOMAN IN SUBWAY

Mrs. Gronenberg Found Dying on Tracks Fifty Feet From Station, Though None Saw Her Struck.

A woman mysteriously killed in the subway near the One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Street station of the Broadway line was identified early today as Mrs. Charlotte Gronenberg, fifty-four years old, of No. 223 Thirtieth Street, Brooklyn. A daughter made the identification in the Knickerbocker Hospital morgue.

The police and coroner have been unable to find any one who can explain Mrs. Gronenberg's death. About 6 o'clock last night the motorman on a southbound express saw the body near the third rail about fifty feet south of the station. Her right leg and arm had been cut off, and she died two hours later in the hospital.

Some of the station men remember seeing her on the platform, but no one knows whether she walked down the track and was struck by a train, or jumped in front of one from the platform and was carried by the trucks to where she was found.

Only one "BOMBO QUEEN" was seen on the platform. It is a small, dark, round object, about the size of a bomb, and is used by the station men to throw at the tracks when a train is approaching.

## SOLDIER HUSBAND REJOINS BRIDE WHO THOUGHT HIM SLAIN

Capt. Oswald Arrives on Furlough With Wife Still Wearing Widow's Weeds.

Aboard the Anchor liner Caudonia, to-day from Glasgow, where a bride who wore widow's weeds and the husband she had mourned as one who had given up his life under the flag of England in the trenches. Together they were coming to America for a second honeymoon, all the more precious to them for the sadness that blighted their first.

Here is their romance—the story of Capt. James DeKay Oswald of the Seventh Royal Fusiliers, who came back from the dead after his name had been posted in the British War Office's list of the lost.

Capt. Oswald's parents live in St. Paul, Minn. Last summer he came to this country on furlough, and met Miss Davina McRobert, a Scotch lassie, whose home was next door to that of his parents. He wooed and won her with a soldier's impetuosity. They called for a honeymoon in Scotland. While they were at Dundee came the word for him to rejoin his regiment at once.

Capt. Oswald sailed for France at the head of his company and was given his place in the trenches at La Bassée. One November night the Germans rose out of the mist before the English line and came charging like pale ghosts. Their artillery hurled shells over the heads of the advancing Kaiser's men, making a hell of the pits where Capt. Oswald and his men were crouching.

It came to a matter of bayonets and bullets—and the light went out for Capt. Oswald. His top sergeant, believing he was dead, took away with him on retreat his metal identification tag.

Two days later the British line, reformed, charged and retook the trenches they had given up. In a German field hospital Capt. Oswald was found still unconscious. No one knew his name, for his tag had already been turned in and his name posted in London among the dead. From the battle line the unknown officer was sent to Dover. There he slowly mended, heard he had been counted dead and tried vainly to communicate with his wife, whom he had left at Dundee.

Capt. Oswald was discharged from hospital Jan. 9 on a three months' furlough. He hurried to the Scotch town, to learn that his wife, counting herself a widow, had gone to Ayre to do charity work among the Belgian refugees there. To Ayre Capt. Oswald went, but his wife had left the refugee camp and none knew her whereabouts. In desperation, he sent a cable to his parents in St. Paul.

"Davina," for America on Cameronia Jan. 16, came the answer. Capt. Oswald barely managed to get to Glasgow and the Cameronians' wharf before his wife was pulled in. He met his wife, all dressed in black, on the steamer's deck. And today the happiest people that landed from the Cameronia were Capt. Oswald, his head bowed in a broad badge, and his bride, still in her garments of mourning.

Julia Dean appearing in the "Law of the Land" wearing an advance Spring style. London Feather Hat \$5 to \$10

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